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ROGER WAS A NEWCOMER to our neighborhood, but he had enrolled in co tion class and was faithfully attending Sunday school and church. Just bef service on Sunday he came to me and said, "I would like you to pray in chu that little girl. We heard over the radio this morning that she was still alive a they were digging down deep into the well where she is trapped . . . Won't yo for her?"

"Most certainly we will pray for her," I assured the earnest lad. "In fact, constantly praying for people who are in trouble or in danger. We don't mention them by name, but they are still in our prayers."

I HAD OPENED the Common Service Book to the General Prayer, and poin one paragraph I asked Roger to read. ". . . all who are in trouble, want, si anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity."

"Okay, pastor," Roger said. "I get it now. You say these words and we a names we want to. The words are the same every week, but they may mean d people. It's up to us to make it our prayer, too."

—FRANK B. HE

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

New film draws fire

From the pulpit of New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Francis Spellman had warned all Roman Catholics to shun the new motion picture *Baby Doll* "on pain of sin." He denounced the film as "evil, immoral and corrupting." Telling of his "anguish" when he had learned that the film was to be released, he condemned the "conscienceless, venal attitude" of its sponsors.

Almost as unkind were the movie critics. The trade paper *Daily Variety* called the film "sleazy, dirty, depressing" and said "some may violently object to it as thinly disguised smut." The New York *Times* found the story sordid, but called it "artistic rather than pornographic." Most critics praised the acting and directing.

Episcopal Dean James Pike went to see the film, told a pre-Christmas congregation at St. John the Divine Cathedral that it depicted the "wretchedness and bitterness" of human life and that children and most adults were "ill-equipped" to see it. He compared it favorably, however, with *The Ten Commandments* which he said portrayed more "sensuality." Dean Pike objected strongly to efforts by Roman Catholics to censor the film and to impose their will upon the entire community.

Pressure is applied

Roman Catholic prelates throughout the country joined the cry against *Baby Doll.* In Baltimore going to see it was called a "serious sin," in Philadelphia "an occasion of sin," in Milwaukee "a near occasion of sin." The Roman Catholic Legion of Decency ordered all members to stay away from the film, wh placed in its "condemned" catego

In Albany, New York, Roman olic leaders demanded that the W Brothers' theaters cancel a sche showing of the film. According t diocesan weekly, *The Evangelist,* showing of the film after Bishop W A. Scully had requested its withd would constitute "a contemptuous ture of defiance" against the bishop

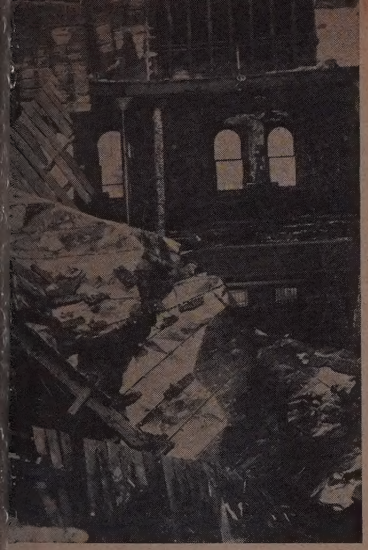
In England the tune was diff When the film opened in London on 28 with audiences limited to adult Roman Catholic censor, the Rev. A. Burke, said it was "a brilliant of work on a decadent subject" that he could "see no reason why Catholics should not see" the film.

As *Baby Doll's* New York openin a box office record, a theater spokes mildly remarked, "I wouldn't say controversy had hurt at all."

Ban on "Luther" hit

Thousands of letters and telegram protest poured in on Chicago's WGN after the abrupt cancellation of scheduled television premiere of the *Martin Luther* on Dec. 21. Ro Catholic pressure had been blamed the station's action. WGN officials plained that the film had been dro to avoid "ill will" among Christian the Chicago area (*see page 12*).

"Martin Luther deserves the s rights on the air as Bishop Fulton She said Glenn L. Archer, director of P estants and Other Americans United Separation of Church and State. P estant and Jewish groups addressed quests to the Federal Communicat Commission and the House Commi



METHODIST CHURCH AFTER FIRE
It was one of seven

Un-American Activities asking inves-
ion of the station's action.
eeling the heat, Monsignor Edward
Burke, chancellor of Chicago's Ro-
Catholic archdiocese, issued a denial
charges that Roman Catholics had
lered" the station to drop the film.
New York, Monsignor Thomas F.
e, head of the Legion of Decency,
his agency "had never condemned"
film but had placed it in a special
as "unacceptable to Catholics."
ard L. Quaal, WGN general man-
, said a conference would be held
month to discuss showing the film
ome future date.

gress to act against obscenity

ensorship promised to be an issue as
U.S. Congress convened this month.
gthy hearing by a House subcom-
ee had revealed that enforcement of
ent laws against indecent books and
gazines was ineffective. Actions were taken locally against newsstand agents, but means of cutting off the source of material were lacking. Most such pornographic material was published in and mailed from either New York or Los Angeles, the committee found.

A change in the statute will permit criminal charges to be brought by any federal district attorney, said Rep. John Dowdy of Texas, chairman of the investigating committee. Because irresponsible publishers change their names and move from place to place, they are rarely convicted, he said. The new law would make habitual violators of postal or interstate commerce regulations covering the transportation of indecent books and magazines liable to 20-year prison terms.

The congressional committee uncovered what Mr. Dowdy called "a flood of pornography printed on slick paper."

Arsonists fire seven churches

Because a priest told him he "could not join the Catholic church," Elber Cooper Lucas last March hurled a blazing bottle of gasoline into St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey. A priest and two housekeepers perished in the resulting blaze which destroyed the church and rectory.

Last month four churches in Trenton were set afire within two hours. Three suffered only minor damage, but a $200,000 blaze destroyed completely the historic First Methodist Church (*see cut*). Police picked Lucas up on a charge of loitering, soon discovered that he was the arsonist. He described his method of making incendiary devices and tossing them into church buildings, was held on charges of murder and arson.

Two days later two other Trenton churches were found ablaze under similar conditions. Police quickly located another firebug, a former mental patient.

Bus boycott ends

A year-long program of "passive resistance" had kept Negroes off public busses in Montgomery, Alabama. The boycott, organized by the Rev. Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders, was started because of alleged "discourtesy" by bus drivers shortly after a Negro had been jailed for occupying a seat reserved for whites. Car pools were set up to carry Negroes to and from work. Weekly prayer meetings kept morale high. The bus line, a major part of its patronage gone, lost an estimated $750,000, curtailed schedules.

After a U.S. Supreme Court order abolished segregation aboard the busses, the boycott ended on Dec. 21. For the first time in a year, Negroes boarded the vehicles. For the first time ever, they entered through the front door, were allowed to sit in any vacant seat, were not required to give up their seats for white passengers.

Fear of racial clashes in Montgomery was allayed as calm seemed to prevail throughout the city of 125,000 of whom about 40 per cent are Negroes. Various minor incidents were reported, however.

Pastors urge calm

One of the incidents occurred at the home of Dr. King. He told his congregation that someone had fired a charge of buckshot at his front door during the night. No one was hurt. On several occasions shots were fired at busses.

Montgomery's Negro population was asked by Dr. King to display "calm and dignity" during the period of transition. "If cursed, do not curse back," he urged in a "Prayer for Guidance" distributed on the eve of the integration. "If pushed, do not push back. If struck, do not strike back. Evidence love and good will at all times."

The Rev. Robert Graetz, white [illegible] of a Negro Lutheran mission con[illegible] tion, suggested that Negroes sta[illegible] busses after 9 P.M. Incidents were [illegible] likely to take place under cover of [illegible] ness, he pointed out.

After a week of integrated trave[illegible] bus business had picked up conside[illegible] Drivers reported that beside the Ne[illegible] more whites were riding the busses[illegible]

Trouble erupts elsewhere

The comparative peace in Montgo[illegible] and in Clinton, Tennessee, where a[illegible] eral court injunction forbade furth[illegible] terference with eight Negro students[illegible] attending the high school, was not c[illegible] cated in all parts of the South.

Efforts to gain bus integration in [illegible] ingham resulted in bloodshed. On C[illegible] mas Day a dynamite bomb blaste[illegible] home of the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesw[illegible] Negro minister who had led the de[illegible] tion that asked the city council to[illegible] racial separation on local busses. [illegible] people were injured. When some Ne[illegible] rode in the white sections of busses[illegible] were arrested. Threats by leaders o[illegible] white Citizens Council to prevent for[illegible] any integration on busses caused the[illegible] uation to be described as a "tinder b[illegible]

In Tallahassee, Florida, an eight-m[illegible] bus boycott ended. On a few token [illegible] large groups of Negroes filled the bu[illegible] but later a familiar pattern develo[illegible] with Negroes occupying only the [illegible] seats. When the Cities Transit Comp[illegible] in compliance with the federal deci[illegible] ordered drivers to allow Negroes to[illegible] where they pleased, the city commis[illegible] suspended its franchise, arrested [illegible] company manager and nine drivers.

Throngs attend Canadian mission

Nearly 500,000 persons attended [illegible] rallies held during the first two mo[illegible] of a national evangelistic mission c[illegible]

ed by the United Church of Canada, W. G. Berry announced in Toronto. director of the program added that orts show that large numbers came ard to make personal decisions for ist."

he rallies were held in major cities n British Columbia to Newfoundland. f speaker was Dr. Alan Walker, tralian Methodist evangelist.

he mission will continue this year, 300 rallies scheduled during Lent. onjunction with the mission, the UCC hold a series of ten conferences on ristianity and the national life." minent public figures are expected to icipate.

erans resettled 14,000

till struggling with round-the-clock edules in an effort to help the thou- ds of Hungarian refugees now being ught to the U.S., Lutheran Refugee ice officials paused last week just g enough to total up the record.

ince October, 1954, LRS has helped re than 14,000 refugees to settle in U.S., announced Dr. Cordelia Cox, ctor. Of this number, 12,650 entered the country under provisions of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act and 1,050 came in under regular immigration quotas. About 300 Hungarian escapees have been provided for since mid-November. The year 1956 brought in more than two-thirds of the total—10,224.

An additional 5,000 refugees will probably come in under RRA provisions before the act expires on April 30, Dr. Cox predicted. Lutheran churches and individuals have supplied assurances of jobs and homes for 24,000 persons, she noted, more than enough to cover all those expected.

Hungarians may provide new problems for the agency. Washington sources said the present quota of 21,600 may be increased to 50,000. About 8 per cent of the Hungarian arrivals are Lutherans.

Stewardship called woman's work

Women don't realize their power over America's purse-strings, an educator told the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' stewardship department at Minneapolis. "Women control the wealth of America today," asserted Mrs. Harriet Harmon Dexter, dean of

HUNGARIAN ESCAPEES ATTEND LUTHERAN SERVICE IN AUSTRIA
Room in refugee shelter is converted into a chapel

women at Northland College in Wisconsin, "but will never be good stewards of the wealth they control until they realize that they have the control."

Church women waste their time and talents sponsoring rummage sales and church suppers, Dr. Dexter declared. "There are many pressures that make women do un-Christian things in raising money," she said, pleading that stewardship education and leadership be given to women. All 70 stewardship executives attending the meeting were male.

Giving to Protestant churches in 1956 probably topped the $2-billion mark, Dr. T. K. Thompson, department director, told the meeting. This would be a 9 per cent increase over 1955 and would maintain the average of the past 15 years. He reported that almost one-third of all local congregational expense is now going for new building projects.

License for sauerkraut suppers

Churches that serve meals to the general public should be compelled to buy a restaurant license and be subjected to public health inspection, the Wisconsin Restaurant Association urged at a public hearing held last month by the state's board of health. The hearing resulted from a suit brought earlier in the year by the association to force the health board to license and regulate churches, stores and catering firms that sell meals.

Evidence presented by the association showed that meals had been sold to transients and to the general public by 6 delicatessens, 52 churches, 18 clubs, and 15 catering firms. More than 90 news items and advertisements were submitted showing that the public had been invited to attend these functions.

"We are trying to show a pattern," said Milwaukee Attorney Ralph J. Drought, who claimed that many other groups

NOTED MISSIONARY MARKS 86TH BIR
Medical students from Burma and congratulate Dr. Ida S. Scudder formed Church medical missionary in 1918 started famed Christian m college and hospital at Vellore,

were involved. Restaurant assoc spokesmen said they had no objecti churches serving their own member were concerned only with raising h standards in Wisconsin.

Sweden to study church ties

An extensive study of relations tween the Lutheran church and the was voted late last month by Swe parliament. Sponsors emphasized tha investigation will be completely ne aimed neither at continuing the pr organized connection between church state nor at a severance of the ties tween them.

The inquiry will deal with such q tions as religious instruction in sch theological studies, ownership of p

used for religious purposes, civic
es of clergymen and salaries and pen-
s for the clergy and other church
kers.

he resolution, adopted by better than
-1 in both houses of the parliament,
that "the values created by Christian
vities in benefit of the nation are of
importance that great care should
aken to preserve them." Opponents
ne measure expressed fear of possible
re separation of church and state,
h they said would result in an up-
val in religious, cultural and admin-
tive spheres.

umenicity" is defined

ongue-twister for many Christians in
past decade has been the term "ecu-
ical"—usually used in reference to
rchurch co-operation or church unity
ements. Last month the 56-member
eral Council of the Evangelical
ed Brethren met at Dayton, Ohio,
came up with a 325-word definition
ecumenicity."

The EUB Church conceives ecumen-
to be that spiritual attitude which
cts a deep consciousness of the fun-
ental oneness of the church of Jesus
ist . . . Ecumenicity embodies the
unity of the church and its mission
ne world . . . No concept of ecumen-
is authentic which is not filled to
rflowing with the vitality of the Chris-
witness," the statement says in part.
eport from the council's executive
etary, Dr. H. W. Kaebnick, listed
3 membership in the U.S. and Can-
at 755,913. Sunday morning attend-
e throughout the denomination's
00 congregations averaged 50 per cent
membership, the report said. Sunday
ning services were attended by 16 per
t of the members, midweek services
3 per cent.

Calls U.S. Catholics different

Roman Catholics in the U.S. are "quite different" from those in Europe or South America, a Jesuit priest declared recently. Through their long struggle for "acceptance" by a predominantly Protestant culture, U.S. Catholics have "taken on the color and habits of American life," said the Rev. Gustave Weigel, professor at Maryland's Woodstock College. He emphasized that the "differences" of American Catholics do not involve doctrine.

"The American Catholic has explicitly chosen to be a Catholic," the priest wrote. "And religion was not thrust on him by culture." Unlike Roman Catholics in Ireland, Italy, Spain, France and other lands, U.S. Roman Catholics are under no "pressure to retain a thin, nominal allegiance to Catholicism."

Specific differences cited by the Rev. Mr. Weigel were the U.S. Catholic's "tolerance of non-Catholic religions. It is impossible for him to entertain fantastic notions concerning Protestants; he knows too many." Other differences from countries where Roman Catholics are a dominant majority are the attitude toward religion as "something to do rather than something to think about" and the absence of suspicion and hostility toward the clergy. The American priest finds his office no bar to warm, friendly relations with parishioners and "the people are glad to have him around."

And so forth

Protestant groups working in the Caribbean area will hold a conference at San German, Puerto Rico, in February. Sponsors are the International Missionary Council and the Evangelical Council of Puerto Rico. Attending will be delegates from Cuba, Santo Domingo, Haiti and Jamaica as well as Puerto Rico.

World News Notes

Everybody pays

In chill January days numerous Americans had the painful task of adding up the bills for their exuberant Christmas shopping. On a vastly larger scale, nations were calculating the cost of the violent explosions which shook up the world last fall.

Because the Suez Canal was blocked during the French-British attack in November, this month Frenchmen are paying 75 cents a gallon for gasoline—when they can find any. Britain has been obliged to arrange a $1.3 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund, and an additional $500 million from the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

There will be permanent injury to the British economy. Egypt and some other Arab countries whose insurance companies have always reinsured their risks in London are shifting their business to Geneva or elsewhere. Long-established and profitable British and French trade relations with the Middle East are being broken.

High cost of bold Hungarian defiance of the Reds was being totaled this month. Sitdown strikes in the mines have cut the coal supply so that other industry can operate only three days a week. Serious unemployment all winter seems likely.

New world situation

The Hungarian rebellion and the Suez attack have been frightfully expensive, but may have opened up new possibilities for peaceful coexistence all around the world. The Russians might be ready now to relax their grip on balky satellites if they have assurance the satellites won't be turned against them as enemies.

Secretary Dulles went a long distance last month in offering the Russia[ns] good deal. The U.S., he promised, [will] not try to stir up the satellites, but p[lay] their "orderly development" as fre[e] tions which will not endanger Ru[s] security.

The time has not come, Mr. D[ulles] said, for the U.S. to withdraw its a[rmed] forces from Europe in exchange for [the] drawal of Russian armies from the [sa]lite countries. But it might come [soon].

In the Middle East the U.S. ha[s] itself in a position of great responsi[bility] for exerting pressure on Egypt to [open] the Suez and make peace with I[srael]. After insisting that the British and Fr[ench] abandon their attack on Egypt, the [U.S.] is committed to securing for them [satis]factory terms for shipping through [the] Canal.

Discriminating against refugees

As time for the new session of [the] U.S. Congress drew near, there was [much] talk about opening American doors [wide] for many of the 160,000 Hungarians [who] had escaped into Austria. The talk [was] mostly political. Resettling refugees [is] the only direct action the U.S. can [take] to demonstrate its sympathy with peo[ple] who rebel against Russia.

But other refugees from Red territ[ory] were bitter about the preference g[iven] the Hungarians. Thousands of Germ[ans] who had escaped to the West thro[ugh] Berlin have lived for years in crow[ded] barracks. Getting a few of them into [the] U.S. under the terms of the 1953 refu[gee] resettlement law had been a slow [and] painful struggle. "We are forgotten," [a] young German said in Berlin on Chri[st]mas Day. "The world thinks only [of] Hungarians."

ASHINGTON

OBERT VAN DEUSEN

ACCENT ON DISARMAMENT

s 1957 BEGAN, it carried along from year much turmoil and tragedy in rnational affairs. Nasser's seizure of Suez Canal, the Israeli-British-French sion of Egypt, the brutal crushing of Hungarian revolt by Soviet power. as the new year opened, some shafts ight pierced the gloom.

he United Nations was strengthened its strategic role in the Middle East. ors swung wide to provide new homes Hungarian refugees. A sobered TO emerged with deepened under- ding of the need for mutual depend- e. Perhaps most hopeful of all, the S. made a fresh and imaginative ap- ach to the reduction and control of aments.

or years the question of world dis- ament had been on dead center. Rus- proposals for outlawing atomic and drogen bombs, and U.S. insistence a foolproof inspection system, had med a set pattern which produced a onic stalemate.

w proposal

N MID-DECEMBER, the National Se- ity Council approved a new plan for omission to the United Nations. It l be offered in the hope that Russia, der heavy pressure at home and in the ellites, may be in the mood to talk siness with the other countries about limitation of armaments.

Before the new plan is proposed to the UN in February, there will be discussions with the British and French, for the purpose of presenting a united front. Some details may be changed in the process of consultation. In the main, the western proposal is likely to follow the present pattern, which includes the following points:

1. Mutual aerial inspection will no longer be insisted on as an absolute prerequisite to any agreement. Moscow has already indicated a willingness to try out a system of aerial inspection in a thousand-mile wide strip extending 500 miles on both sides of the iron curtain in central Europe. This may be accepted as all that can be achieved for the present.

2. Reduction of armed forces at the same time that an inspection system is being worked out may be agreed to by the western powers. Until now, the U.S. had insisted that a complete inspection system must be in operation before reduction of forces can begin.

3. For the first time, missiles are included in a disarmament proposal. The U.S. is willing to agree to limitation of long-range and intermediate-range missiles and to stop the development of the intercontinental ballistic missile.

4. Testing of H-bombs may be suspended while the general inspection system is being installed, provided this move is linked with a "security package" agreement and the system is satisfactory.

5. A ceiling on armed forces may be agreed to: Russia, Red China, and the U.S., 2.5 million each; Great Britain and France, 750,000 each. Russia has 3.6 million men under arms, and the U.S. has 2.9 million.

6. The question of withdrawal of U.S. troops from western Europe in return for withdrawal of Russian troops from the satellite countries is still being studied.

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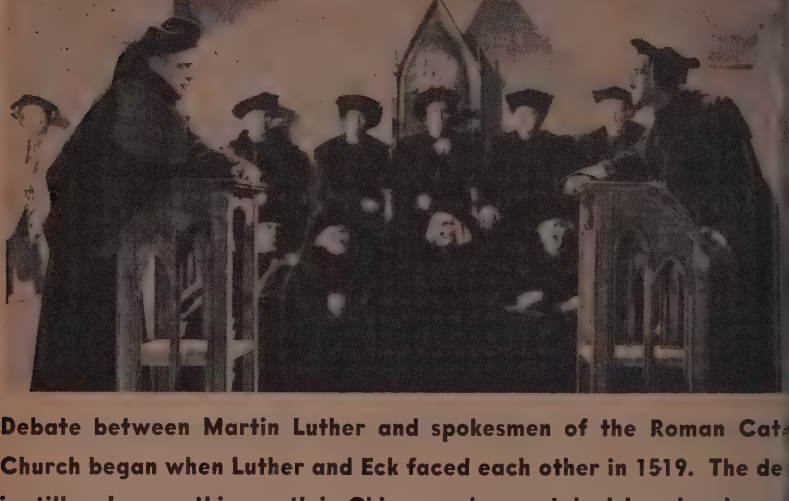

Debate between Martin Luther and spokesmen of the Roman Cat Church began when Luther and Eck faced each other in 1519. The de is still underway this month in Chicago where a television showing o Luther film was banned by Station WGN-TV. Protestants are protes

THE WORLD TELEVISION PREMIERE of the *Martin Luther* film, scheduled in Chicago on Dec. 21, was canceled by station WGN-TV two days before the showing was to take place.

An immediate reaction set in that led to the greatest response from viewers in the station's history, according to a spokesman for the station, most of it being in protest. A special action committee of seven church leaders had been set up when unofficial information that cancellation was imminent had leaked out.

Ward L. Quaal, vice president and general manager of WGN-TV, explained that the decision had been made by the station as a matter of policy, and not by the sponsor.

"After the announcement of the s uled showing, it became apparent there was an emotional reaction t plan," he said. "In view thereof, said, "the station elected to cance showing, not wanting to be a party t development of any misunderstandi ill will among persons of the Chri faith in the Chicago area."

Later WGN-TV said it canceled film after receiving "a flurry of prot that the film is "anti-Catholic and att the Catholic church."

WHEN WORD REACHED the offices of Lutheran Council of Greater Chic late Tuesday forenoon, Dec. 18, that station was seriously considering the sibility of cancellation, immediate phone contact was established with l ers of the various Lutheran bodies in Chicago area, through them with the

By JOHN E. COOPERRIDER
Pastor of Calvary Church, Chicago, Ill.

neran churches, and through them other Protestant ministers throughthe area.

The telephone switchboard lit up like hristmas tree," according to one staspokesman, until finally it refused ake any more calls. Telegrams and cial delivery letters poured in too. other chain of contact was established a group of 50 Protestant ministers ting that afternoon in a Chicago hotel another purpose.

When they received word of the threat cancellation they authorized a telem to be sent on their behalf over the nature of Dr. John W. Harms, vice sident and executive secretary of the urch Federation of Greater Chicago. Clifford E. Dahlin, executive secretary he Lutheran Council of Greater Chio, hurriedly consulted with Dr. Rob- Bell of the Church Federation, and with Lutheran church officials that ing, with the result that 30 church ders of various Protestant denominans, and representatives of other interd groups,. assembled at 8 o'clock dnesday morning to review the situan, and plot a course of action.

They appointed a special committee seven, with Dr. Harms as chairman, Mr. Dahlin as secretary.

THIS COMMITTEE held a press conferce at the Morrison Hotel on Wednesy afternoon, and issued a statement t "Cancellation of the film under these cumstances is an admission . . . that e television station involved is vulnerle to pressures that we are convinced, the basis of our discussions with GN, have been mobilized by the Roan Catholic Church to secure banning the film.

"The film is far less controversial than any other television programs that have been presented on WGN-TV without protest from us."

The statement asserted that "de facto censorship of this character" violates the principles of civil and religious liberty as defined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

It further stated that "acquiescence by WGN to censorship by any church group violates the terms on which this important station is authorized to broadcast in the public interest, convenience, and necessity in a democratic society that believes in civil and religious liberty."

The committee included Dr. William Rest of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; the Rev. Birger Dahl, superintendent, Northern District of the Methodist Church; Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. O. V. Anderson, Illinois conference, Augustana Lutheran Church; Dr. Martin Piehler, executive officer, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Dr. Kenneth Hildebrand, Central Church of Chicago, which is nondenominational; and Dr. Harold Fey, editor of the *Christian Century*.

Protestant leaders tried all day Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 18 and 19, to interview WGN-TV spokesmen before the cancellation became official, but none was granted until Thursday, after the story had been released to the wire services. The action committee was finally granted an audience Thursday, with the result that a truce was declared until after Christmas.

A LETTER WAS SENT to all Protestant leaders and ministers after this conference, stating that "the committee is convinced as a result of the conference of the good will of Mr. Quaal and associates. They seem genuinely concerned about the issues involved.

"This matter requires prayerful consideration by all. Whatever is done should be motivated by an irenic and Christian spirit.

"Those in attendance agreed not to discuss the issue further during this holy season. It was agreed to have another conference in January."

The next action of the committee will be to increase its size and make it more representative.

Robert Kendler, president of Community Builders, Inc., of Skokie, which was to have sponsored the showing of the film on the program, "Community Theater," said he is willing to sponsor the controversial movie "anytime it can be cleared with any station."

He said that WGN-TV canceled the picture without informing him.

He read a statement to his television audience at the beginning of the film that was substituted for *Martin Luther,* in which he said that his company is "extremely sorry WGN, Inc. made the decision to cancel the showing of *Martin Luther.*

"LAST WEEK I announced Community Theater would bring you the story of Martin Luther, the moving spirit and founder of the Reformation," he said. "The decision to show this historic motion picture was based on our belief that all religious faiths would be strengthened by its high purpose and spiritual message.

"Dedicated as Community Builders is to the principle of nonsectarianism, our honest purpose was the presentation of various films that equally portrayed all God's way-showers.

"So many great religious leaders come down through the ages and much spiritual sustenance has been forded by their pictures that we fe were bringing you a whole new of entertainment and inspiration.

"We are extremely sorry that W made the decision to cancel the sho of *Martin Luther.* To those of you have expressed your appreciation o efforts, our profound thanks. Since conviction is not shared by the whol audience, in the spirit of our Saviou would like to demonstrate understan and brotherly love."

HE WENT on to say that WGN act good faith "in withdrawing this fil this holy season," but that he had assured by Mr. Quaal that outstan films of all faiths will be presented i future.

"Forgive us," he said, "if we feel each of us should be allowed to w out in his own way and in his own ch the answers which to him seem bes the search for understanding and lig

Earlier Kendler had said, "I am fighting anybody. I am interested in a religious revival. If this were a ture of St. Joan of Arc, I'd be figh just as much for it."

In answer to the many charges of man Catholic pressure, the Rt. Msgr. Edward M. Burke, chancellor the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, the chancery office made no protest, did Cardinal Stritch.

"Any protests were made by Catho as individuals," he said. "They have much right to protest as anyone else.

IF ALL IN THE CHURCH are strangers, it is about as difficult to create a sense of Christian fellowship and at-homeness as among the crowd that leave a movie house.

—MURRAY H. LEIFFER in *The Effective City Church* (Abingdon)

AFRICANS ARE BEING EDUCATED

IT'S TIME to provide home-grown teachers, preachers, doctors, nurses in the backwoods of Liberia. Church schools such as the Lutheran Training Institute are training natives to lead their people into the future

F YOU LIVED in a jungle village in eria, you would consider a high school oma from the Lutheran Training In-ite fully as distinguished as Ameri-s consider a Ph.D. from Harvard. Recently there were eleven graduating LTI. There were 88 enrolled in the ool—an all-time high. Well-trained ple are gradually being supplied to carry on the teaching, preaching, and other professional work of this little African country.

A year from now buildings will be ready for the Institute at Salayea when it is to be moved 175 miles inland to the center of the tribal life. This will be the opening of a new chapter in the story that began in 1946 when the Muhlenberg

Record-breaking enrollment this year at Lutheran Training Institute

By HAROLD V. WHETSTONE

The Rev. Mr. Whetstone has been principal of the Lutheran Training Institute. He is now in the U.S. on furlough.

boys' school and Emma Day girls' school were merged.

THERE HAVE BEEN 46 young people receiving the much-desired LTI diploma since the first class reached its graduation day in 1950. Of these graduates, 14 have gone on to college in Liberia, 12 went into nurses' training at our Zorzor hospital or the government hospital in Monrovia. Nine became teachers, seven returned to LTI to complete the Christian workers' course, and four went into other types of work.

Teaching, so far, leads in popularity among LTI graduates, with nursing a close second. A majority of those at present in college are planning to become teachers. Last November, for the first time, an LTI graduate received a college diploma. This young man will join the staff of our Totota elementary school.

Four of our high-school graduates have been judged worthy of government scholarships for study abroad. Each has gone to a different country. They are now in Spain, Switzerland, England, and the United States. Three of these are studying medicine and one business administration.

Nursing, incidentally, is not limited to the girls. The nurses' training school at our hospital in Zorzor also trains young men who receive the title of medical assistant.

GRADUATES WHO RETURN to LTI to complete the Christian workers' course receive an additional year of study in preparation for the work of an evangelist and teacher. This special course is not limited to high school graduates, but is open to young men who have no opportunity to continue through school.

In addition to high school grad who have taken this special traini evangelism and teaching, several y evangelists working for the church been brought in for this course they complete in two years. Amon graduates are four young men wh planning to enter the ministry. Thi increase our national staff of pastor per cent, for we have only four ord Liberians in full-time service today

These facts clearly indicate the portance of LTI to the evangelistic, cational, and medical work which Lutheran church is doing in Li Most of our congregations are wi the service of a full-time pastor, e Liberian or missionary. Many of ou lages have no Christian worker to ister regularly to them. In our schoo are still obliged to depend on tea with only a sixth- to eighth-grade ed tion because no one else is available. dispensaries and hospital are ur staffed.

MISSIONARIES, we might say, are n sary because of the great shortag home-grown leaders. The Libe Church cannot afford, either spiritu or financially, to depend so heavily u imports.

Our concern at LTI is not only the minority who succeed in graduat Christian training and character-buil begin upon entrance, not graduat Every student takes each year, in a tion to the regular high school subje two courses in such studies as the Bi Life of Jesus, Paul, Catechism, Chris teachings, church history, family marriage, and teaching methods.

A student does not wait until grad

Building going up at Salayea. Workmen promise to complete school on schedule

to begin his service to the church. ring vacation periods many young ple are sent out two by two into vari- towns to live among the villagers. y hold daily worship services, instruct e who wish to be baptized or con- ed, teach the illiterate how to read write, help to build new chapels, or st in the dispensaries and hospital. ough this vacation work they not only a valuable training as Christian work- but also help in a temporary way to the needs which exist.

DURING THE FIRST half century of Lu- ran work in Liberia, the mission field near the coast. Since 1900 mission- s have been finding it possible to move and and open new fields there. Today work is chiefly among the Kpelle and Loma people who live in the interior.

In view of this situation, the mission voted in 1941 to plant a new LTI further inland, near the heart of the church. The outbreak of World War II, the difficulty of transporting supplies over the available roads, and other factors worked together to prevent the realization of this project.

Now after some 15 years the work of transplanting from Muhlenberg to the more fertile field in the interior has begun. A new LTI is under construction at the town of Salayea, near the Zorzor Station. When the school year opens in 1958 (the term begins in February in Liberia, and continues until November) the new buildings should be ready, and a new beginning will be made in the strenuous effort to educate Africans.

Morality and Politics

By REINHOLD NIEB

THE CRISES IN EGYPT and Hungary and the evident desire of good people to find a right or "moral" solution for the issues, raises the problem of the precarious relation between moral ideals and international politics—and of all politics, for that matter. This does not mean that there are no questions of right and wrong in politics. There are always moral questions and they are the most important.

The reason right and wrong cannot be defined easily is because two or three moral values and loyalties come into conflict in a political decision. Our decision in a particular instance usually depends upon historical contingencies which are not anticipated in any statement of Christian or moral principles.

LET US USE as an illustration of the moral perplexity in international politics, the opinions of two eminent men, Walter Lippman, the noted columnist, and Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

Walter Lippman declared that the Egyptian problem could not be solved until we detected the "moral issue" in the crisis. This issue, said Mr. Lippman, was that the Egyptian dictator was a covert aggressor before the overt aggression of Britain and France.

Many of us would agree with Lippman and regret that both the Eisenhower administration and the American public did not recognize this important fact. But we must not deny that those who did not agree with us followed other moral principles and values, particularly their sense of loyalty to the United Nations charter.

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota also did not agree with the administration, but, when asked whether the bitterness toward us in Britain and France would abate, he declared that it would abate, once our allies recognized that we [illegible] acting in obedience to "moral princi[illegible] He saw these principles in terms of [illegible] alty to the United Nations.

But the British and French criti[illegible] us precisely because they though[illegible] were loyal to the United Nations [illegible] we destroyed its real authority by pu[illegible] it under the dominance of the Rus[illegible] Arab-Asian bloc. They felt our a[illegible] to be disloyal to the Western Alli[illegible] which had been holding the fort ag[illegible] communism. We felt their actions t[illegible] disloyal to us, who were trying to e[illegible] lish contact with the uncommitted w[illegible] of Asia and Africa.

THESE APPEALS to moral principl[illegible] international affairs could be duplic[illegible] in all the complex issues of dom[illegible] politics. The fact that honest men sh[illegible] see the hierarchy of moral values [illegible] principles in a different order accor[illegible] to their different perspectives, must [illegible] discourage us from honestly seekin[illegible] do what is right.

But it ought to dissuade us from [illegible] self-righteous assumptions that we a[illegible] are truly moral. The late Justice Ol[illegible] Wendell Holmes used to say, "People [illegible] always extolling the man of princip[illegible] but I think the superior man is the [illegible] who knows that he must find his way [illegible] the maze of principles."

MAN WITH TWO JOBS

mund F. Wagner is treasurer of the United Lutheran Church, hich is a big job but unsalaried. To earn a living he is a al estate operator. These jobs are "equally satisfying"

LUCILLE E. HEIN

EDMUND F. WAGNER'S paid job is being sident of General Realty and Utilities rporation, New York City, one of the est investment and operating com- ies in the United States. His volun- r job is being treasurer of the United theran Church.

"I see them as parallel and equally isfying jobs," Dr. Wagner said. "One ny way of earning a living. The other ny way of being a steward of the rch."

To DR. WAGNER, church financing is exciting subject. He has watched the dget of ULCA increase and the level giving increase to match it. "People e accepted stewardship, and it's a illing thing to see the record of their ing. When we set up the ULCA budget , we can count on almost 100 per t fulfillment. That used to be a am."

As illustration, Dr. Wagner cited some nd-number budget figures. "In 1952, en I became treasurer, we set a budget $5 million and 89 per cent of this was realized. By 1955 the budget was $6 million and 99.16 per cent was received. The 1956 budget was $7,500,000, and we expect 100 per cent giving will be reached when the final report is in. Our 1957 budget is $7,500,000 again, but our 1958 budget is doubled—$15,000,000. And it *will* be reached."

ULCA'S ENERGETIC TREASURER is a native New Yorker. "My wife is a New Yorker, too, one of a long line of Lutherans. We are members of St. Matthew's Church in White Plains, New York, not far from our Scarsdale home.

"As I look back on my life, I can't separate it from real estate. I entered the real estate field in 1917, a brave teenager, and was associated with William Cruikshank Sons, the oldest real estate firm in New York, established in 1794. In 1922 I went into partnership with Joseph Milner. We handled a good many big real estate sales. In the late 30's I founded my own company. In 1942, I was elected vice president and director of General Realty and Utilities Corporation. In 1944 I was elected president of the company . . . and here I am. That's

the story of my life—all business."

General Realty's offices are on the nineteenth floor of a Madison Avenue building. "By the way, this is one building we don't own." The atmosphere is quiet, gracious, comfortable. His corner office, decorated in soft greens, looks south and east through huge windows over lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Against the walls are architects' drawings, photographs, detailed sketches of buildings in which his company is interested.

Dr. Wagner is a tall, well-built man of 59, rugged-looking, his face lined with laugh wrinkles, alert eyes. He is definite in his actions and statements. He had to interrupt the interview for a few minutes to take telephone calls, and his precise and unhurried handling of office routine was evident. After he made a note for his secretary, he returned to his earlier discussion on the growth of ULCA financial strength—as relaxed as if he had all day to talk.

"SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEER service for one's church," Dr. Wagner said, "as a financial-minded man I think my stewardship is best given in financial fields. Preparing budgets, balancing the books, rolling up a grand total in giving—this is music to me."

As treasurer of the ULCA, Dr. Wagner sits with the Executive Board's finance committee at the budget hearings of the church's boards and agencies. "I have an idea many Lutherans have no idea of how carefully the budget requests are prepared, and how wisely and fairly the budget allocations are made."

Since budgets are set up for two years in advance, each board or agency has to look ahead in its planning. "A brief of each budget is sent to the Finance Committee ahead of the meeting in December. We study it in the light of all budget requests, and then we meet spokesmen for each board or agen discuss their requests. In Januar board representatives meet with th Executive Board. Again each budg quest is carefully considered in re to all other budgets. After this sc ing. the total ULCA budget is mad and presented to the convention."

Dr. Wagner paused and caugh breath. "You see, there is nothing ried about the process. Each boa aware that it is proposing to use m that you—the individual church me —contribute. All of us approach bu ing in humility—trying to do the be can with your money."

"DO YOU MIND if I talk for a m about another subject that's dear to heart?" He pulled out a pamphlet passed it across the desk. "Annual port of the Common Investing Fun ULCA," he said.

"Many of our people are not awa this ULCA financial service. I'm pushing it just because I am presi of the Fund, but because it deserves licity. For years, congregations, syn and boards of ULCA did their own vesting if they had any spare mone invest. Sometimes these investments good. Sometimes they brought good turns for years, then petered out bec reinvestment was not well handled.

"In 1954 the ULCA Executive Be worked out the idea of the Common vesting Fund, in which boards and gregations could buy shares. T money was then invested in bonds, ferred and common stock. The direc of the Fund are professional men banking, finance, and investment fiel

Dr. Wagner leaned back and smi "I feel that I've given a lecture. Shall

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT LOOKS GOOD
Wagner with ULC President Franklin Clark Fry and Comptroller Carl Warden

- about something outside the realm finance? Let's see—you asked me ut—?"

Your grandchildren."

'Grandchildren!" His face broke into gh wrinkles. "Don't get me started on m. You'll be sorry." He waved to a trait on the window sill. "There they . Nancy is six and Robert is four. son John and his wife Peggy live just r enough so Mrs. Wagner and I can by our grandchildren and just far ough away so that we don't feel that re intruding on their family life.

'I'm not much given to telling family ecdotes," said Dr. Wagner, "because ople always think you're a doting old ndfather if you talk about your grand- ldren. But I think our little Bob hit idea of stewardship on the head the ristmas he was three.

'Bob's mother was baking Christmas kes, and Bob was right there with his d full of Christmas ideas. He asked, that cake for Christmas?' His mother d it was. 'Are you making it for Jesus?' His mother was a bit perplexed, but she answered by saying that perhaps Jesus didn't care about cake. Jesus would rather have our love. And little Bob said, 'I think he'd like some cake too.'

"Maybe that's a hint for us. Stewardship means giving God our love, but let's give Him some of the cake, too, the extra that makes the difference between a church that *exists* and a *church* that *grows.*"

IT IS NOT ONLY the financial growth of ULCA that thrills Dr. Wagner. He spoke of working with other denominations and of the leadership the Lutheran Church is taking. "The ULCA has grown tremendously in leadership these past few years. We have learned to take a stand on important questions. We have some of the finest leaders in all religious groups, and can be proud of their work.

"I think a most exciting thing in Protestant church history is happening right now. That is The Interchurch Center planned for Morningside Heights here in

Manhattan, a symbol of denominations working together. The National Council of Churches will have offices there. And so far, the Presbyterians, Baptists, Reformed, and our own denomination have plans to house some of their offices there. Other denominations will join later."

DR. WAGNER did not mention that he is president of the board of trustees of The Interchurch Center. This $20 million 19-story building is already on the boards. Architect's plans and specifications are ready for bids early this year, and the Interchurch Center will be completed in 1959.

"You know that the Rockefellers are providing the land—a whole block. For a long time, the National Council of Churches was undecided about making New York its headquarters. Other cities offered good locations. The Rockefellers waited until the NCC had decided on a New York headquarters, then offered this land for an interchurch building to be used by NCC and Protestant denominations. They felt that if they offered the land earlier they would be putting pressure on NCC to set up headquarters here."

Dr. Wagner is an admirer of integrity in other businessmen because he demonstrates it himself. A few years ago there was a chance to make easy money under the FHA regulations. The government allowed a large percentage on mortgages under FHA as encouragement to necessary building. It was possible for companies to make a very small investment, reap a very big return, and yet operate entirely within the law.

"General Realty and Utilities was offered some of these opportunities," Dr. Wagner remarked, "but we said no. Our board of directors refused to risk our company's reputation for the alluring

SOMETIMES A SLEDGE HAMMER
Dr. Wagner starts demolition of old b ing to make room for 32-story skysc

profits. When the FHA scandals b later, we were glad that our com stayed out. Understand, the comp involved in the scandals were oper within the law, but they must have kn that the law was wrong.

"OUR COMPANY doesn't go in housing projects as a rule," Dr. Wa continued. "Our properties are buildings, industrial buildings, com cial properties in New York, Chic Philadelphia, Omaha, Boston, Bul other places. One of our properties i Palmolive Building in Chicago stories. Our building at 444 Mad Avenue, New York, is 40 stories."

He walked to an architect's dra framed against one wall. "Here's newest project. This is going to mainly a textile center, a 32-story, air-conditioned office building in town Manhattan. Demolition of exis buildings is underway and then we'll digging."

Dr. Wagner glowed as he talked a big buildings. He flipped the pages o company's annual report, pointed sketch of another building. "This is

dy in the works. Right next to the w York Stock Exchange building on ad Street, 27 stories, steel is just go- up.

"Don't mind my enthusiasm. I'm a ewalk superintendent at heart. I like go around looking at our buildings, ether they're already touching the sky still in the hole-in-the-ground stage."

Dr. Wagner is always interested in rch building and in helping church ups to amass their land parcels. In 3 his company was considering the idsome Morgan residence as a possible perty. When Dr. Wagner heard that CA was interested in the property, company gave up its interest, and Dr. gner worked with other ULCA men to uire the Morgan mansion for the heran Church House.

"When the ULCA departments moved o the Church House in 1943 they won- ed how they'd fill the building. Now y have departments camping out in a rby hotel while we build an addition the Church House. I've just been wn there to see the progress."

THOSE ASSOCIATED with Dr. Wagner on rds and committees know him as a m, thoughtful member of the group. like to work with him," one board mber said. "He sees both sides of a stion and listens to all the arguments. en he makes a decision I feel that he's ighed all possibilities. His judgment fair and valuable."

One has to ask others for information ut Dr. Wagner's work on boards and nmittees. He waves aside his own ac- nplishments, preferring to talk of the complishments of others. I owe my in- mation to Miss Shotlander, his secre- y, who provided me with a list of his ic and business activities.

Besides being treasurer of the United Lutheran Church and president of the ULCA Common Investing Fund, he is keenly interested in the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, of which he is a former executive committee member. He is a member of the board of trustees of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Empire State Savings Bank of New York, Citizens Budget Commission of New York City, Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, and the Wartburg Orphan Farm School.

"HOBBIES?" Dr. Wagner looked amused at the question. "I used to have time for them. But business and church interests have a way of creeping into your evenings and week-ends. Perhaps business and the church *are* my hobbies! If I am at board and committee meetings much of the day, I find myself burning the midnight oil here, just to catch up on all things Miss Shotlander puts on my desk during the day."

He waved his hand at the growing pile of papers and sighed, "Well, it's a pleasant and quiet place to work at night, though my wife complains if I stay here too often. She complains, too, when I bring home a bulging briefcase. I compromise by trying to come home empty-handed for a few evenings. Then I appear with just a thin manila folder to scan at home. Next I appear with a stuffed accordion folder. Finally, with a resigned sigh, Mrs. Wagner drags my briefcase from the place where she's hidden it—and I feel like a well-dressed professional man again.

"Now you must excuse me," Dr. Wagner said, as he rose and gathered a sheaf of papers that Miss Shotlander had placed on his desk. "I could talk for hours about church budgets and buildings, but . . . I have an appointment with a board of trustees."

TIME MARCHES ON-

—and its waves break gently along the mysterious shores of eternity

A STORY BY DAISY J. SMOAK

"The night is gone,
And with the morn, those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile"

"HERE Y'ARE, Ma'am," the taxi driver said. "Sorry I can't drive inside, but they don't allow cars through the gate."

"Yes, I know," his elderly passenger replied quietly, "the roads are much too narrow. It's all right. I enjoy walking through here."

"Shall I wait for you, Ma'am?"

"If you please. I may be some time, though."

The driver opened the door and assisted the frail little lady from his vehicle.

"Guess I'll never understand women—whether they're 8 or 80," he muttered to himself as he watched her walk through the gate. "That old lady who must be somebody's grandmother looks exactly like a kid at a church picnic."

"Somebody's grandmother" pressed forward eagerly among the vast throng. Her face was deeply lined by Time's relentless hand, but her dark eyes shone with anticipation. She was among her old dear friends and how she loved them!

HERE WAS ABIGAIL, of the golden curls and loyal heart. Such happy times had been theirs! Two little girls writing on their slates and sharing lunch recess. Two shy teen-agers at their big ball, trembling with excitement.

Two radiant girls standing sweet solemn—one a bride, the other her of-honor. Then, in a week, the b stood as matron of honor and the became the bride. Two busy young m ers pushing baby buggies. And, c night it seemed, two grandmot dreaming of days gone by.

OF COURSE, John was at Abigail's —her doctor-husband, weary with weight of humanity's woes. How g and kind he was! On the windy nigh little William's birth, John's sympath presence had been such a comfort to and to poor Matthew, who really nee comforting more than she. There been other times too—Matthew's pn monia, Marcia's complications a whooping cough, the time William s lowed a button. John was a friend ind

And here was Mike, who had lo her too. Remembering, she shook

d. It had been so hard to hurt the big tle fellow. Mike had never married. at a pity that some woman had been rived of such a good husband.

That worthless Pete Riley! He never an honest day's work in his life. The lady sniffed disdainfully and walked ttle faster.

Here were the inseparable Smith girls Sallie and Lizzie—and, of course, their annical mama. Poor things—how unspy their grim parent had made them. der the guise of maternal love and tection she had denied them their right husbands and homes and families. spite their gray hair, failing eyes, and w step, they had never been given the ance to grow up.

And here was Pastor Brown. He had rried Matthew and her . . .

AND NOW at last, Matthew, her own beloved husband. "Oh, darling," she whispered, "this is our day again! Can you believe it's our 60th anniversary? Matthew, how I've missed you. It's been so long. There's not much further to go though, darling. I've been so much happier lately thinking about our being together again, and this time forever. I pray God it will be soon!"

"Please, Ma'am," a polite voice interrupted her reverie. "Are you about ready? They close the gate at 5 you know."

"Yes, driver," she said, "I'm ready to go."

Carefully she laid down the sheaf of red roses. The driver respectfully took her fragile arm and walked with her through the cemetery and out the gate to the waiting cab.

EVERY-MEMBER VISIT

"Oh, goodness no, we couldn't pledge. My husband says we shouldn't commit ourselves like that. Besides, we still have to pay off our new car and color TV and . . ."

ILLUMINATION

KAREN BREEZED in the back door, bringing the fresh scent of winter with her. "Here I am, you lucky people!"

"And about time," I assured her. "We were getting ready to have supper without you. Watch out for Pete's pulley and stuff."

"Watch out is right!" called Pete from the dining-room. "We're eating in here so we won't bump it. Our patrol worked on that all afternoon. Hey, Mom, shall I put forks on the table if we're having soup?"

"Yes, we're having a salad. Susie, where is that salad? Did you put it in the refrigerator when you finished chopping the greens?"

"It's by the telephone. I had it in my hand when I answered the phone for Karen. That phone's rung forty eleven times for you, glamor puss!"

"It's so nice to be appreciated, if not by my baby sister."

BEFORE SUSIE could retort in kind, I did a rather feeble imitation of a gong. "Guess Karen won that round, Susie-my-sweet! You did ask for it, didn't you?"

Both girls laughed and Karen went to hang up her coat. An ounce of humor is worth a pound of lecture around supper time, I've found. Susie called Dan while I served steaming bowls of vegetable soup—homemade, although the children prefer the canned variety.

"Do we have a special prayer for Epiphany?" asked Susie. "Or do we say it when they burn the trees?"

"I know one," volunteered Pete. "And you know I won't get to say it with those Luther Leaguers taking charge

"Then, by all means," agreed D "let's have you say it now. Let us pr

"As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to Thee."

"THANK YOU, Pete," said Dan. "I t that was very appropriate and we all preciate it."

"It was appropriate, all right," K observed, "but isn't that a hymn?"

"Of course it is," Pete replied, lots of hymns are prayers. We looke the collects for the Epiphany seaso the Common Service Book, but the for Epiphany had so many words we to learn that it didn't seem like our pr yet."

"Words," sighed Karen, "seems w always learning new words—sch church, everywhere. Sometimes I t I've learned so many words I'm a w ing dictionary."

"Well," Dan commented, mildly, " be in a lot of difficulty without wo I could sit here and point to the sa then to you, and then to my plate. B really is a lot easier to say, 'Please, the salad.' And I'm saying it right n This is very good."

"Oh, things like salad and pas things, stuff we do and think about e day. But big words like 'incarnation' 'redemption'—"

And 'manifest' and 'fruition of Thy ious Godhead.' " chimed in Pete.

Well." said Dan, thinking more kly than I could have, "salad is an ordinary word for an easy ordinary g. These other words are big and cult for us because the thing they d for is big and difficult to under- d. It isn't easy to think of God be- ing a tiny baby who had to be born ed and changed and carried around, uly human baby, and at the same God. And it isn't easy to think of growing up and going to school and king as a carpenter. That and a le lot more is what we mean when say the word 'incarnation.' If you're g to use little words, you have to use ns of them to get the same meaning get from the one big word."

You been talking to my Sunday ol teacher?" demanded Pete. "That's he says, almost. We're making a of game of saying the big words in- of the little ones, and it's sort of

It is fun. Lots of grown-ups like play- that sort of game or the *Reader's est* wouldn't carry the feature 'It Pays ncrease Your Word Power.' It does It saves you lots of time and energy ave one big word to take the place lot of little ones."

COULD SEE objections rising to en's lips. This discussion could go or a long time. If we weren't careful, I be late for the young people's cele- ion in the church parking lot when burned the trees. We'd given up family party in favor of joining with e at the church. I'd hate to have us it. "More muffins and jam, any- " I asked. "Then let's manifest our est in the Luther League program ttending promptly."

Our dishwashing team swung into action smoothly. It's a help to have each one doing his appointed task without bickering. How long this stage will last I don't know, but I'll enjoy it while it's here. Just when you get to expecting your family to behave in certain ways, they reach a new level of growth which throws the pattern out of adjustment.

WHEN WE REACHED the church, other families were gathering in the graveled parking lot. The trees were heaped in the center, the leaguers indicating the distance at which participants must stand. The water carriers were coming to their posts, bearing heavy buckets and looking very important in their role of guardians of our safety in case the trees should be drier and the flames hotter than expected.

Then the electric lights were turned off. The officers of the league read suitable scripture which they had chosen and led us in prayer, using only candles for illumination. Above us the stars were clear and bright. It was not hard to imagine one of the large ones moving across the sky to announce so important an event as the birth of a Savior.

I was so lost in dreams I was caught unawares when the offering for Lutheran World Action was announced. It seemed fitting that we should make a special contribution to that particular agency to help in its new responsibilities, but I had to do some fumbling around to add my money to the rest.

Then, as candles were cast into the pile of trees, the youth choir led in singing "O One with God the Father." Some of us, who hadn't practiced it as they had, stumbled a bit. But their young voices, true and strong, carried us over the rough spots. I found my throat tightening up and my eyes damp—and I'm still not sure why.

WORSHIP NOTEBOOK

Sixth in a series on the Liturgy: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

IN DEPARTMENT STORES Christmas trees have disappeared and "January Sales" are everywhere. It seems a shame to me that Christmas decorations go up before Thanksgiving but are ripped down on Dec. 26. The church saves its celebrating until Christmas Day and then observes a period of almost two weeks to commemorate that wondrous event when God became man. We sing Christmas carols until Jan. 6.

I don't think it sounds foolish to sing "Joy to the World" or "O Come All Ye Faithful" while the world is putting away the Christmas decorations. In a sense I suppose I'm like the children who say they wish Christmas came more often. That's why I like the Gloria in Excelsis. Even when the altar is banked with Easter lilies, or the temperature outside is a hundred in the shade, or we are commemorating the Reformation, when we sing the Gloria in Excelsis it's always Christmas.

MAYBE LUTHER felt this way. He said that the Gloria in Excelsis "did not grow, nor was it made on earth, but it came down from heaven." When you remember the account of our Saviour's birth in St. Luke's gospel you understand what he had in mind.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to men." Just as every Sunday, the first day of the week, is a commemoration of the resurrection, the singing of the Gloria reminds us of the incarnation.

Christians have not always sung this great hymn as a part of their w Like many of the hymns compo the early church, the Gloria bega a verse of scripture, and was s praise God the Father. By the sixt tury it became a part of the first s of Christmas Day.

Then it was used on all Sunday on certain special festivals. It wa only by the bishops.

In the middle ages any priest ce ing a Sunday mass was given the ri sing the Gloria. Luther retained it first revision of the mass, but ma mention of it in the second.

IN SOME PARTS of Germany, be the music was difficult, a hymn com especially for the occasion and upon the early form of the Gloria substituted. Thus the pastor would "Glory be to God on high," the would respond, "And on earth p good will to men," then all would sin hymn *"Allein Gott in der Hoeh sei* ("All Glory be to God on High").

The Common Service, which was pared in 1888, restored the text o Gloria in Excelsis to its earlier form. Luther D. Reed tells us that the m we use today is based upon several melodies and is the work of the late J. F. Ohl. It is directed that "the G in Excelsis shall be used invariabl all Festival Days or when there is a munion. At other times another ticle or Hymn of praise may be s

In the new Service Book and Hy a change has been made so as to a the pastor to say or sing the ope words, and then the congregation joi

words beginning, "And on earth e . . ."

though at first the Gloria in Excelsis a hymn of praise to God the Father as soon revised to include specific rences to God the Son and with the tion of the last section addressed to the Holy Ghost. As we know it y, it is a hymn to the Holy Trinity. hus the Gloria came as a natural re- se to the Kyrie. One sees this even closely if the new Kyrie of the ce Book and Hymnal is used. The y-like Kyrie conveys the expression umble reliance upon the mercy of . Voices are lifted to beseech of God blessings he desires to give us.

hen in reliance that such gifts are ours solely because of God's good- , there comes the expression in a nphant hymn of our gratitude. You v how you feel when something really derful happens to you. It seems that ds can hardly express your feelings. is unfortunate that for the most part only experience great joy when we ive a personal gift or favor. God is n praise when we finally get a job, when the baby recovers from an ill- . Yet how much we ought to realize God's gifts are far greater than even things that make us happy, and that nd the gifts and the favors we seek obtain, and gloriously so, God is !!

OW SHALL we speak of God? We use s like goodness, truth and beauty. such words are abstract and do not us to picture all of what we know to be. It is not important that we gine him in a certain type of robe, crown and scepter, attended by all e pomp of a king. What is important at we see, as far as we are able, just wondrously good God is and then find some way to express that wonder.

In our worship, the Gloria in Excelsis offers such a form.

Glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

THIS IS NOT saying "Thank You" for a specific gift. This is the expression which says in effect, "Thank God for God!" We praise, magnify, worship, glorify, thank God for what he is. It's not like treating a rich uncle with deference simply because we know that we might be mentioned in his will. No, it's more like the story that was told of the old woman who paraded up and down the streets of her town with a torch and a pail of water. When asked what she was doing, she replied, "I'm going to burn up heaven, and quench the fires of hell, so that people will learn to love the Lord God for His own sake!" Glory be to God on High!

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE now turns our attention to God the Son. The gratitude we sang is now focused in him who died for us and sits on the right hand of the Father interceding for us. Here our thanks becomes specific. Now our praise centers in the greatest gift of all time. God loved . . . he gave . . . whosoever believeth shall have eternal life. The only

door to God's presence is Christ. Glory then to the Son!

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Our destiny is not conditioned on an intellectual acceptance of what Christ did, as one accepts the law of gravity or Pythagorean system. A person cannot reason out such matters in his mind and then say, "I believe." No, another is necessary. Call him what you will—Spirit, Guide, Comforter—God is active in the world, and by the Holy Ghost you are moved to identify yourself with the truth that your mind of itself cannot accept. Glory to the Holy Ghost!

—EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL

Clashing ambitions

QUESTION: For a good many years I have been a college teacher. I think I have rendered good service. I have tried through the years to improve myself and to keep up-to-date. My salary has been fair, and I have paid for a home—which we have now given up, much to my regret.

My trouble lies in my wife's ambitions. She is always eager for social recognition. Two years ago she insisted that we sell our home, and purchase a sprawling house, with more than thirty rooms (practically a castle), renovate it, and rent all but the portion we should need.

Now our nice home is gone, and for nearly two years we have been midst of expensive repairs of the sion. It is consuming all the f time, and all that I can give after ing hours, plus much money.

As a matter of professional im ment and personal satisfaction I ha years wanted to travel abroad, but ambitions have made it impossible. of us need a change, with new s experiences, countries, and civiliz

REPLY: In allowing your oppo ties to go by default, you have th your own aspirations. While on understand a wife's interest in somebody socially, such amb should not be permitted to get way of the satisfaction of legi interests and self-improvement.

1) Talk the whole matter ove Ruth, reviewing the past witho crimination, and pointing to the faction and value of travel for b you. You may well point out t certain prestige may be involv travel which will be a social adva

2) Express willingness to dela travel a reasonable period in ord complete the necessary work o mansion. Such a degree of co mise should win Ruth's sympa agreement.

3) Promote a desire for acq ance with non-American culture inviting to your home persons have had wide travel experience by having in your home a numb travel books and pictures. Try to the anticipated tours an important ject of conversation, without t about it endlessly.

4) Express pleasure at any in Ruth may show in the prospe trips. Give her all possible cred helping to initiate the plans.

LUKE AS A PROFESSOR

dies in the Acts of the Apostles. By Mar- Dibelius. Edited by Heinrich Greeven. lated by Mary Ling. Scribner's. 228 pages.

re is the most recent work in English e late "form critical" luminary, Martin ius. Published in German at various als beginning in 1923, this book of s spans a quarter of a century of studies g with the book of Acts and the apostle The eleven separate pieces, however, entrate on five fundamental subjects: criticism, Paul's address in Athens prising more than a fourth of the), Conversion of Cornelius, Apostolic cil, and the textual-historical problems. is book is not a commentary, nor is it plication of a single thesis. Its appeal in the rarefied atmosphere of expert izing over the crystallization of the traditions into documentary pieces in 's literary hands.

Dibelius speak for himself: "First, in Luke employs a much higher standard riting than in the Gospel . . . there is a er depth of original composition . . . safest way is to regard as Luke's work peeches in Acts; since, for reasons con- ng the history of tradition, they can ly have been handed down and, con- d from the literary angle, they have lels in the historians and, as regards nt, they often enough express a later point . . . The speeches, then, give us ea of how Luke wrote when not bound ny source" (as the case was in regard is Gospel).

rther, "much in the anecdotes con- ng the apostles has arisen from the lse to tell stories . . . as a rule, a pious est in the lives of holy men predom- s." Dibelius conceives his task as that etermining what are the types of tradi- and what is Luke's own creative con- tion in working them into the book of . Through the criticism of the style of Acts (which is not uniform) this task can best be carried out. Dibelius disclaims speaking for the authenticity or the non-authenticity of such "legends" as Cornelius' conversion because he only wishes to assess the story-teller's method of writing.

His conclusion on Paul's Areopagus address is that it contains little that is Christian. It is a Hellenistic speech about recognizing God philosophically. "This is what the author considered, at the end of the first Christian century, to be a suitable example of the sort of sermon that ought to be preached to cultured Gentiles!" It has little to do with Paul, but much to do with the second-century philosophic-minded apologists.

Dibelius' study of the book of Acts best serves the interests of a high-level seminar on the adequacy of the form-critical method in New Testament interpretation. Its fatal defect lies in its failure to explain the motivation of Luke's writing. Here we meet Luke as an academic personality, a highly ingenious and an inventive "professor" skilled in editorial composition, and not the witnessing author who was inspired by the power of apostolic preaching.

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THEOLOGIAN AS PSYCHOLOGIST

Counseling and Theology. By William E. Hulme. Muhlenberg Press. 250 pages. $3.75.

The author is a professor at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Before that, he was student counselor at Wartburg College.

The need for a book on counseling and theology has long been felt. Dr. Hulme's book is a fine contribution toward this end. He makes theology relevant to pastoral counseling and does this on the basis of modern psychological approach.

The book is divided into three general sections—1. The needs of the person seek-

ing advice (Chapters 1-5); 2. The underlying theological concepts of man, the universal priesthood, freedom (Chapters 6-8); 3. The church's means of helping people (Chapters 9-12).

The nondirective method of counseling is advocated by the author. The theological concepts, basically orthodox Lutheran in character, are presented from the viewpoint of the psychologist.

The following quotation is typical of the insights revealed in this book: "Following the historic Augustinian stand on original sin the confessions find in the principles of counseling an ally against the Pelagian point of view. The idea that man is free to choose the good over the evil leads to a moralism that creates a legalistic flight into a righteousness of externalities. The danger is in the development of a facade behind which the individual 'loses' consciousness of the morality of his motives. This unrecognized egocentricity of motive is the basis for many neurotic disorders."

The author has "witnessed the tremendous value of the application of the doctrines of the church for helping people . . ." The theory and theology of pastoral counseling are presented as tools for the pastor-counselor. "We need to rely upon God behind the tools, for He is greater than either theory or theology," Dr. Hulme concludes.

Lancaster, Pa. ERNEST J. HOH

UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES

The Christian Man. By William Hamilton. Layman's Theological Library. Westminster Press. 93 pages. $1.

This book is one in a series of twelve written for laymen in the belief that "theology is not an irrelevant pastime of seminary professors. It is the occupation of every Christian . . ."

Dr. Hamilton's assignment is the Christian doctrine of man which he defines as "self-understanding"—not just a judgment of others. In his book, which can be valuable as an aid to analyzing the reader's personal life and faith, the author warns that, in answering the questions posed, "The greatest danger is that the Christian w so sure about his own virtue, and wil attention to it so eagerly, that what i is not a Christian at all but a prig."

The thirteen brief but full-to-the chapters are divided into three parts. first section confronts man with the life teachings of Jesus which must convince of his sinfulness from which he ca saved only by God's forgiving love in C Part II is "not a treatise on the pro of sex . . . It is an attempt to use some we all share, sexuality and its problem a guide to understanding the Christian of man."

The last section applies three truths w are recognized in the human relationsh sex to a broader comparison of man's lationship with God. 1. Man is not sufficient. He is fully man only in rela ship with others—fully man only in rela ship to God. 2. Man's relationship to o —and to God—is a struggle between eg and humility (defined as "willingness t ceive from others"). 3. The need for giveness must be recognized in order t gin a new life in human society—or i kingdom of God.

The fact that the book is written for men does not imply a simple primer fo reader's passive acceptance. Its purpo to encourage constructive analysis meditation on the individual's faith to him closer to a goal of bearing profit for Christ the title of "a Christian Man."

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FORMER DP WRITES MEDITATIONS

God and Man. By Valdis Mezezers. Va Press. 132 pages. $2.50.

A Lutheran clergyman who spent years in a German DP camp, after esca from Latvia, is now a pastor in St Creek, Maryland. He had written p poems, and meditations for publicatio his native language, and has now publi this book of inspirational message English.

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T CRASHES GERMANY

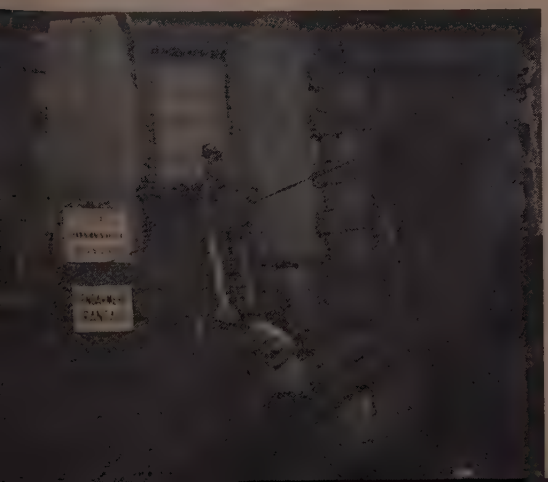
AISERSLAUTERN—The crash U.S. Air Force Sabre jet the French Army headrters in Kaiserslautern ed the Lutheran Service er into an international of operations for Ameri-, Frenchmen and Germans. ne disaster, which killed the and three persons in the ding across the street from Lutheran center, wrecked French headquarters. Sal- operations and investiga- of the causes of the dis- were conducted from the eran Center.

haplain Carl M. Sittler, di- or of the center, opened its lities to officers of three na- s. Personnel of the West- Area Command, Twelfth Force, the Kaiserslautern ny Sub Area, French and man officers were guests.

dquarters (below) was scene he disastrous airplane crash

French, Germans, Americans get chow in center's canteen

Staff officers investigating crash confer in lobby



The hospitality shown to all involved in the operation "created a good deal of good will and some unexpected publicity" for the center, Chaplain Sittler reported. The Twelfth Air Force featured the center in a special broadcast over the Armed Forces Network in Europe.

The Kaiserslautern center is operated by the Lutheran Service Commission.

Organization of Faith mission in East Lake-Roebuck area of Birmingham was attended by

GEORGIA-ALABAMA

Benevolence and LWA Offering Assure Reaching of 1956 G

By PAUL J. RENZ

ATLANTA—Growing awareness of the church's responsibility in expanding its ministry at home and abroad was expressed in increased offerings in Georgia-Alabama Synod congregations. Receipts for benevolences and Lutheran World Action were well above previous years, Synod Treasurer Donald A. Spann reported. Emphasis on Hungarian relief and year-end giving would assure the synod of meeting at least its minimum goal for 1956, he said.

Holy Trinity Church, Springfield (the Rev. George S. Derrick, pastor), was the first congregation in the synod to pay its 1956 apportionment in full. Unusual response in the Thanksgiving clothing drive and offerings of layettes for overseas was reported.

NEW MISSION organized in the North Druid Hills-La Vista section of Atlanta is St. Matthew's Church. Synod President C. E. Fritz preached at the Dec. 16 organizational service. The Rev. Karl Suhr is the mission developer.

FAITH CHURCH was organized in East Lake-Roebuck area of Birmingham in October and reported a charter membership of 76. Half of the new members came from Christ Church, Birmingham, others had formerly belonged to Lutheran and other Protestant churches. Pastor Paul O. Hamsher developed the mission congrega

THE EVANGELISM MISSION reached Savannah area the first week in Decem Guest missioners appeared on local TV tions. Rally speakers were Dr. J. A. ler, Jr., and Dr. C. A. Honeycutt.

A follow-up meeting of the Atlanta mission gave evidence of continued re of the mission held last September. congregation, Good Shepherd Church, lege Park, is currently without a pastor decided to continue a year-round evange program.

Churches in the Atlanta area pla quarterly meetings for laymen and pa to continue the program. Missouri S congregations have expressed the desir be included in the next mission. Mc Ala., will hold an evangelism mission ginning April 7.

Dr. Martin J. Heinecken will present Knubel-Miller Lectures at Redeemer Ch Atlanta, Feb. 14 and 15. "Christ Frees Unites" is his subject. The local comm consists of Pastors Robert E. Lee, Wi Stender, Paul J. Renz, and President

THE ST. LUKE'S-MACON and Faith-Wa Robbins parish was divided on Jan. 1. Rev. William S. Hartman was called as tor to Faith congregation. Property for

C pastors in Atlanta will confer with pas- Missouri Synod congregations to discuss le areas of local co-operation at their ry meeting. The Rev. Robert E. Lee, Re- er Church, was elected president of the ta Lutheran Pastors Association for 1957. officers are Cecil W. Carpenter and Karl

e home of the congregation, consisting ree and one-half acres in the center of esidential section of the city, has been ased. Negotiations for a parsonage nderway. The Rev. George S. Derrick n his ministry at St. Luke's, South on, Jan. 1.

RNERSTONE LAYING of the new church Redeemer, Macon, Ga. (the Rev. Hugh aumgartner, pastor), was held Refor- n Sunday. Completion of the building eduled on Jan. 15.

RIST CHURCH, Cullman, Ala., has voted unch a building program for a parish itional building. Church attendance is 5 per cent over previous months.

e United Lutheran newscast, "Church d News," is being heard on Station MH, Cullman, first Alabama station to the program.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL in the Atlanta area will be held for six nights beginning Jan. 15. A school of religion sponsored by Redeemer Church will begin a series on Jan. 16.

The Baptist Home Mission Board voted a $3,000,000 budget for 1957. This is the largest budget ever adopted for the 111-year-old mission board of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

ONE OF the largest county hospitals in the South is nearing completion in Atlanta. Grady Memorial Hospital will cover an entire city block. It is 21 stories high and will have 1,080 beds. Atlanta's largest building, it will cost $24,000,000. Completion is scheduled for early 1957.

IOWA

Juel Named Synod Treasurer; John Berger Joins LLM Staff

By ALFRED J. BEIL

DES MOINES—John L. Berger, Iowa's synodical treasurer for 30 years, has been called to serve on the staff of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement.

He announced in December that he will report to the New York office for work on Jan. 15. Mr. Berger is a member of First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, and has

Dr. Beil and Pastor Eklund with council of St. Mark's mission, Sioux City (see next page)

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been honored a number of times for his outstanding service to the Iowa Synod.

His recent travels took him to 38 stewardship and LWA meetings to report on impressions gathered in Europe last August.

Einer Juel has been elected to succeed Mr. Berger as synod treasurer. Mr. Juel is a member of St. John's Church, Council Bluffs, and has previously served on the synodical board. He also has held important offices in St. John's church council. He heads an important building and loan firm.

FIRST CHURCH, Newton, conducted in November the first all-day program to present to the congregation the program of parish education. Pastors Arthur Simonsen, Redeemer, and James Youngquist, St. Stephen's, Synod President Alfred J. Beil, and Mr. Walter Kramme spoke.

INSTALLED were the Rev. Roy Wingate, formerly of St. John's, Schuyler, Neb., as pastor of First Church, Iowa City (Nov. 25); the Rev. Milton A. Eklund, formerly mission developer, Sioux City, as pastor of St. Mark's, a new mission (Dec. 2); the Rev. Walter E. Sabins as pastor of St. Matthew's, Davenport.

St. Mark's Organized in Sioux City

ST. MARK'S CHURCH was organized in Sioux City on Dec. 2. The mission began life as a congregation with 113 confirmed, 185 baptized members. Mission developer and first pastor is Milton A. Eklund.

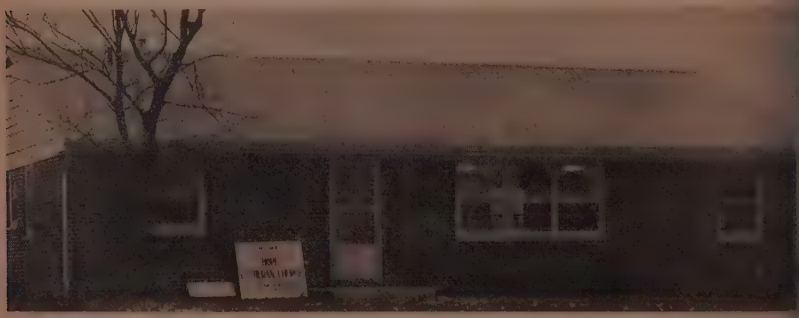
Attending the organization service Whittier School was Iowa Synod Pres Alfred J. Beil. An evening service fo new congregation was held the same at St. Luke's Church. Liturgist was P Stanley G. Ecklund. The Rev. No Ullestad, president of the western co ence, preached.

A MISSION organized only last Mr moved into a home of its own in Nover Hope Church, Cedar Rapids, dedicat house chapel Nov. 25. Pastor of the y congregation is the Rev. Robert N. H President Beil and Pastor T. A. Young of First Church, Cedar Rapids, were pr at the dedication.

A PRELIMINARY BRIEFING on stewar plans was given by Chester A. My ULC associate stewardship secretary, t synodical board and the stewardship mittee. The meeting was held Dec. Cedar Rapids.

Iowa Lutheran leaders told Mr. M that the double benevolence in 1958 ca reached, but that it will require thor spiritual and psychological preparatio do it. They said that the 1954 pilot s program for stewardship was a prepar experience for the congregations of Iowa Synod.

Church council briefing sessions on s ardship will be held at Sioux City, Jan and at Des Moines, Jan. 27. Officers o board and leading laymen will serv speakers and direct the program.



Home for Hope mission, organized last March in Cedar Rapids. Pastor is Robert N. Har

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Peace, Forgiveness

By OLIN G. DASHER

RTLAND—A "call to prayer" went out
National Lutheran Council pastors in
le last month as they invited residents
special vesper service in Gethsemane
ch (Augustana) on the second Advent
ay. Concern over the tense interna-
situation was the reason for the call
ayer.

e service was led by Pastor Everett
n. Meditations were given on "prayer,"
iveness," and "brotherhood."
ayer petitions were offered for an un-
anding of God's will, for a world in
for forgiveness of pride and selfishness,
orld peace, for a sense of brotherhood
all people, for the enemies of Christ
ell as for brothers in danger, partic-
for Bishop Ordass of Hungary. The
g was received for Lutheran World
n.

CIFIC SYNOD Lutherans heard more
world tension and the plight of refu-
from one of their members, the Rev.
dore Hartig, former pastor of St. Paul's
ch, Vancouver, Wash., and currently
representative of the Lutheran World
ration in Austria.

tor Hartig reported that twice he went
Hungary to deliver food, clothing and
al supplies. A "desperate search" for
ng to accommodate Hungarian refu-
takes most of the time of LWF workers
ustria, Pastor Hartig wrote. At times,
id, there were so many people in the
that they had to lock the doors.

THSEMANE, the only Lutheran church
he heart of the business section of
le, offered a special noonday service
Christmas shoppers and workers on
20, followed by a luncheon. Pastor
ett Jensen said: "Gethsemane is inter-
in how best we can serve our sister
eran churches and the people who

GIANT WASHINGTON APPLE was welcome gift by Pastor Olin G. Dasher of St. Mark's, Seattle, to Pastor Paul Nakamura of St. Mark's, Los Angeles. Mr. Nakamura was one of several guest preachers for Seattle mission in November.

work and live in this immediate area. If we can help make the church have meaning in a person's workaday life, he will have more interest in a relationship to a church in his community."

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Portland, Ore., the Rev. J. Edward Oslund, pastor, dedicated its new parish education building Dec. 9. Pacific Synod President L. H. Steinhoff conducted the service. The three-story building of modern design was built at a cost of $150,000. In addition to classrooms and assembly rooms, it houses a chapel and church offices.

St. James' was organized in 1890, and was the first Lutheran church in the Pacific Northwest to use the English language. The new parish education building stands on the site of the first church.

PACIFIC SYNOD Luther League counselors' workshops were scheduled Jan. 5 in St. Mark's, Seattle; St. John's, Tacoma; St. Mark's, Portland; Good Shepherd, Salem,

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Ore.; and Messiah, Spokane, Wash., and on Jan. 12 in Gloria Dei Church, Kelso, Wash. Topic for the course is "working with Luther Leaguers."

FIRST BRIEFING sessions for the all-Oregon evangelism mission were held throughout the state Dec. 16-18.

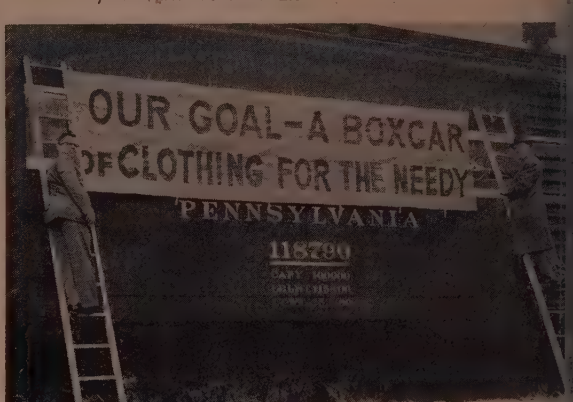
Dr. Elwood Bowman, director of church extension of the Board of American Missions, will visit Pacific Synod congrega Jan. 9-20. Beginning Jan. 21 Dr. Edwin will tour the Pacific Synod. Dr. Mil Winston of the Board of Higher Educ will conduct a series of Christian career ferences during February in Washin Oregon, and Idaho. Dr. Donald Ho secretary of the Board of American sions, will visit mission congregation February.

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny Conferences Put Christmas Spirit to W

By ROBERT G. SANDER

ALTOONA — The churches of East and West Allegheny Conferences filled two railroad boxcars of clothes for the needy. What started out as a Thanksgiving and annual fall ingathering of clothes for Lutheran World Relief, gained momentum because of the Hungarian crisis.



Goal of Allegheny Conferences' clothing drive was one boxcar . . . *but two railroad cars were needed to receive all donati*

Over 30,000 pounds of clothing were received after the deadline for the first drive had been extended to Dec. 15. The 144 churches of both conferences brought huge amounts of clothes into Altoona and Johnstown, the loading centers.

The clothing drive was sparked by the Lutheran inner mission of both conferences. Dr. Luke H. Rhoads, pastor-superintendent of the Allegheny Lutheran Home, is executive director of the inner mission.

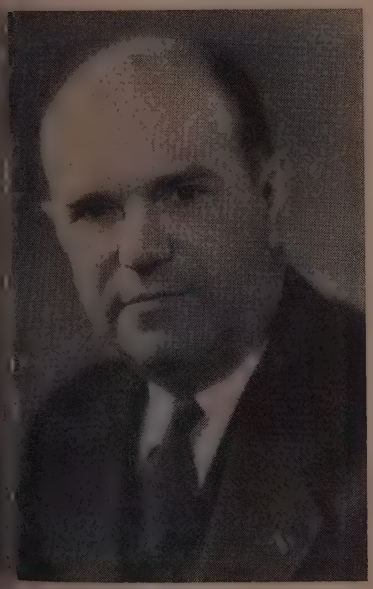
Lutheran churches in the six-county area became collection points. Conference inner mission workers and those responsible for LWR joined forces. Altoona and Johnstown radio and TV stations together with the Altoona *Mirror* and Johnstown *Tribune-Democrat* helped promote the campaign.

In expressing appreciation to all helped Dr. Rhoads said: "I want to sinc thank both those who gathered and who gave these pounds and pounds of ing. I'm sure we feel this was the lea could do. And because we've collected given these tons of clothing for the w needy, I know our Christmas will b happier." The boxcar was loaded in J town on Dec. 17 and 18 and in Altoo Dec. 19 and 20.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS PARADES were in Johnstown on Dec. 18 and in Al on Dec. 22. Lutheran churches from communities entered floats and particip

stor Brown to Head Ministerium's "Operation Aged"

HE CHALLENGE of Lutheran World Action had been presented to United Lutheran ...regations for the past ten years by Dr. Frank M. Brown. As ULC director for LWA, he had been in the front line of fund drives and clothing and food collection campaigns.



Dr. Frank M. Brown
...ront line of fund drives for the needy

Last month Dr. Brown sent his farewell letter to "LWA partners." He left his office in the Muhlenberg Building in Philadelphia to assume direction of a two-year $750,000 fund drive of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania needed to complete renovation of the Germantown Home's main building.

The 59-year-old Pennsylvanian was director of Luther Hospice and inner mission pastor in Philadelphia from 1931 to 1941. He served as chief chaplain of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations in World War II, was CRALOG commissioner in Germany after the war, and supervised distribution of supplies to refugees in the British Zone. Since 1947 he was ULC director of Lutheran World Action.

In his new position, Dr. Brown will supervise fund-raising work on behalf of the Ministerium's "Operation Aged." He will be aided by a committee composed of conference representatives now under appointment. Special gifts totaling over $200,000 already received for this purpose will be credited to the appeal.

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their choir groups. The Rev. Victor ...arlson, pastor of Christ Second Church, ... co-chairman of the religious parade ...ittee in Altoona.

...LLIAM K. GOOD, active layman in First ...ch, Johnstown, was re-elected president ...e board of directors of Camp Sequa... at the camp board meeting in Novem... The 1956 season was Sequanota's best ... For the first time the camp had a full... director, the Rev. George E. Bower... Jr.

...OWARD L. LOGAN, ULCA Brotherhood ...utive secretary, spoke at a mass rally ...en from the East Allegheny Confer... in Grace Church, Bellwood, on Dec. 9. ... Logan is scheduled to address Brother... ...s from West Allegheny in February.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN from both conferences have organized along new conference lines. Mrs. George E. Bowersox, Jr., of Somerset was elected president of the group in West Allegheny; Mrs. Paul L. Keller of Martinsburg was elected president of the East Allegheny group . . . St. John's ULCW group at Clearfield had an attendance of 131 at its Christmas meeting.

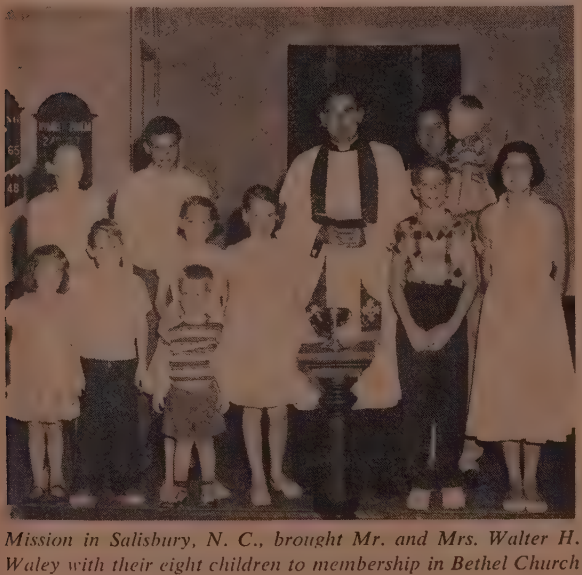
MT. ZION CHURCH, Scalp Level, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the organization of the congregation with a dinner on Dec. 8. The Rev. Arthur E. M. Yeagy, assistant to the president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, spoke. Pastor Yeagy also conducted the service and communion which was held on the following day. The parish is currently without a pastor.

Evangelism Campaign Reaches Halfway Mark

As 1956 ENDED, United Lutherans had reached the halfway point in their church-wide evangelism campaign. About half of the ULC's membership in the United States and Canada had taken part in the five-day mission program, while the other half was getting ready for it in 1957.

Participation in every-member visitation plan, attendance at special services had been high since the missions had started, but a slight gain in over-all attendance could be observed as wider areas were reached. Thousands who had lost contact with the church in past years were restored to membership. Lay visitors in practically every community found scores of unchurched eagerly accepting the invitation to come to the ser

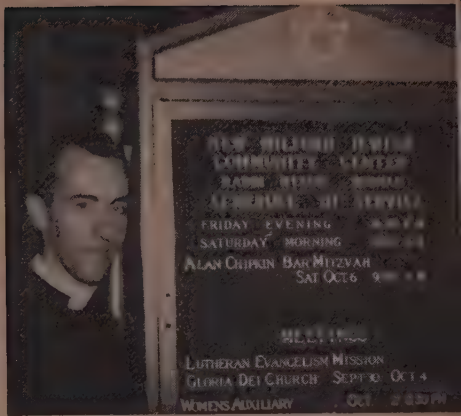
Visitation team calls on unchurched in Cleveland,



Mission in Salisbury, N. C., brought Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Waley with their eight children to membership in Bethel Church

Statistical data, th impressive, could convey the meanin the plan, evang leaders said. Mair sults were expressed deepening commit within the congrega a reactivation of co gational life, a c relationship of lo churches with the munities out of v they had grown. In instances, the callin of lay visitors becam ticket to a voyage o covery. New neig hoods were explored New England Negro ple which joined a congregation said

...nts calling on students in campus evan-...n mission at State University of Iowa



Gloria Dei Church in New Milford, N. J., filled Jewish Community Center for services

...not held church membership be-...e "none of the lay members had ...invited us before."

...issions were held in churches, ...munity halls, public schools—one ... in a synagogue. Colleges and ...naries mobilized their forces to ... in the visitation program.

Pastors Paul Renz and Ralph Hoffmeyer brought message to cerebral palsy victim Frances Brandt in Walhalla, South Carolina

...er Leaguers at St. John's, Folcroft, Pa., ...natized mission in Halloween disguise: ...ch way are you going?" they asked

One tangible result in all congregations reached by the mission was the determination to continue a year-round evangelism program. Said ULC Evangelism Director Robert W. Stackel: "The evangelism mission is opening the eyes of the United Lutheran Church. We are beginning to see more of its immense possibilities."

Lutherans Confer on Spanish Hymnal and Service B

By FRANCISCO MOLINA

PUERTO RICO—Representatives of the United Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran C and Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod met with Caribbean Synod pastors for two days in N ber to discuss plans for a common Spanish language hymnal and service book. The volu intended for use of the three church bodies and of other Lutheran churches conducting Sp language mission work in Latin America.

Delegates for the ULC were Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., director of the department of worship, and Dr. William G. Arb secretary of the Board of American sions for Latin America. The Mi Synod was represented by Prof. Walt Buszin of Concordia Seminary. Repr ing the ELC was Prof. Lawrence N. of Luther Seminary. Together, they stitute the subcommittee on liturgy music of the Spanish hymnal commit

Caribbean pastors expressed the hop a committee might be created at future time to work on a similar E language project for all Lutheran c bodies in America.

Agreement was reached on all m discussed within the scope of the sub mittee's authority.

The Spanish hymnal committee has meeting encouraging success in its Dr. Arbaugh is its editorial chai Dr. Buszin is chairman of the subcon tee on liturgy and music.

THE REV. E. DALE CLICK, associat rector of the evangelism mission staff, ducted preparatory sessions in Puerto for the mission scheduled for March told local pastors of the interest in Puerto Rico mission shown by pasto the north. Many of them would like to ticipate in the mission in the Caribbea said.

DESPITE strong opposition on the of the Roman Catholic clergy, Coun Hipólito Marcano was elected to the s of the Commonwealth of Puerto Ric November. Counselor Marcano was dent of the Evangelical Council of P Rico.

New president of the Evangelical Co is Counselor William F. Santiago, fo

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list clergyman. Senator Marcano not be a candidate for re-election at cent convention of the Council due astitutional provisions limiting the ential term of office.

Lutheran lawyers, Counselors Mario guez of Zion Church, Bayamón, and mero Roig of Divine Saviour's Church, o, were elected to the Puerto Rico of Representatives.

M St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Pastor Sevilla engaged in Spanish language n work, reported his first confirmation. onfirmands were a man and wife who several children.

DEEMER CHURCH, Puerto Nuevo, P. R., ev. Carlos Torres, pastor, began work s new church building. Funds came the Luther League of America, the of American Missions and the local egation. For years, work of the con- tion has been handicapped by inade- facilities.

JERSEY

w Brunswick Mission aws Large Response

By RALPH I. SHOCKEY

MDEN—Visitors for the New Brunswick evangelism mission were commissioned Sunday evening service, and this de- re from the rule of the afternoon serv- proved highly. successful, according to ion leaders.

ace for the service was Voorhees pel, Douglass College, New Brunswick v. 24).

rea Chairman Arnold Dahlquist said it one of the most impressive events of mission as 1,100 Lutheran leaders ed the chapel to hear the message by Rev. E. Dale Click, assistant director he ULC evangelism mission staff.

he spirit of the mission was expressed Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen of Washing- D. C., who said that he had "found the le responsive to the appeal of the gospel,

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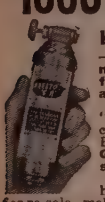

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Lay visitors interviewed 2,275 pe... and secured a new membership enrol... of 786. Efforts during the mission re... in 75 children brought for baptism... added 185 pupils to church schools.

Attendance totaled 22,800; offerings ... tributed $7,000.

Pre-mission noonday prayer periods ... by Pastor J. Russell Hale at Rede... Church, Ramsey, proved so successful ... they will be continued indefinitely. ... ceded by the ringing of the bells, the ... minute period is devoted to interce... prayer based on requests received by ... or telephone.

Trenton Churches Victims of Arso...

FIVE TRENTON CHURCHES were victi... an arsonist who confessed setting fire t... Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral last M... and to four Protestant churches on one Su... evening in December. The Roman Cat... church was completely destroyed, its pa... Monsignor Richard Crean and two housek... ers were killed. Among the four Prote... churches, First Methodist Church, oldes... New Jersey, suffered a $200,000 damage. ... others, First Born Church of the Living ... Church of the Open Bible, and State St... Methodist Church, had only minor damage.

DR. EDMUND A. STEIMLE, professor ... Philadelphia Seminary, will address ... Hudson County church councilmen's dir... meeting, Jan. 29, at Redeemer Chu... Jersey City. Congregations are asked to ... derwrite the cost of sending their coun... men.

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The STEWARDSHIP SECTOR PROJECT for the Synod will begin with two southern conference meetings Jan. 14 at Grace Church, Silvers Point, and Jan. 15 at St. John's Church, Westville. Pastors in the central conference will meet at First Hungarian Church, New Brunswick, Jan. 16. Northern conference clergymen will meet in St. John's Church, Rutherford, Jan. 17. Chester A. m, associate director of the LLM, is developing the program.

THE REV. HERMAN BRUECKNER, for 42 s pastor of St. Matthew's Church, oken, will resign for reasons of health, was announced at the congregational ting. The congregation took immediate on to name him pastor emeritus.

astor Brueckner began his ministry as heran seamen's pastor in 1908, headed Lutheran Seamen's Mission in Hoboken, which he helped establish. He became mission's pastor emeritus in 1954.

RINITY CHURCH, Trenton, heard a report Dietrick Sauer, student from Germany, conditions in his home country. Mr. er is preparing to become a Lutheran sionary.

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Inter-Faith Group Votes to Further Harmony Among Ra

By DAVID F. COOPER

AUSTIN—Ranking churchmen from most of the state's major religious bodies held a co tion in Austin on Nov. 23 to survey the racial situation. They met "to preserve and furth progress our state has made in receiving and implementing the recent decisions of the U States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Texas in regard to race relations."

Dr. Royal E. Lesher, president of the Texas-Louisiana Synod; the Rev. M. L. Lundquist, president of the Texas District (Augustana); and the Rev. Kurt Hartmann, representing the president of the Texas District, American Lutheran Church, joined ministers and representatives from most de-

nominations and faiths represented in T

The church leaders expressed "gra for the spirit and way in which the majority of our citizens have received decisions," and resolved "to unite for fu positive and constructive efforts, to tain a spirit of harmony and co-oper to oppose all efforts—legislative and wise—to nullify the supreme law o United States and the State of Texas terpreted by the respective supreme co

The Rev. Foy Valentine, Dallas, di of the Christian Life Commission fo Baptist General Convention of Texas named chairman of the interfaith gro

The organizing group voted to "invi men and women of good will and like to join us in efforts through peaceful lawful means to uphold and preserve constitutional laws of our nation and o state as interpreted by the two sup courts."

While several of the synod's rural urban congregations began to feel th fects of the state's worst drought, a lenging note was sounded by St. M Church, Cuero, a congregation with a dominantly rural membership located i drought belt. Engaged in promoting stewardship sector project, the congreg made an intensive study of present potential resources.

With full awareness of drought condi and its effect on the economy of the c munity, the survey committee, compose a large cross-section of the more than communing members, found that the po tial giving power of the congregation c be estimated at $84,477, more than do any previous budget.

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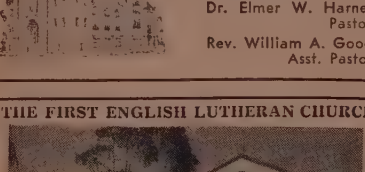
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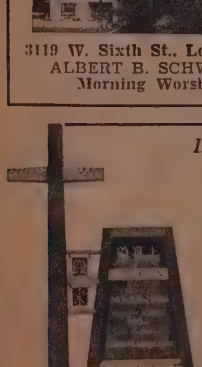
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y set a goal of $43,000, much higher any previous objective, and received itments for over $38,000, $5,000 above rmer total.

vey committees in most of the other ngregations engaged in the steward- ector program also reported giving als at much higher rates than present ast giving trends had indicated. Com- nt responses are permitting congrega- budgets to be set at amounts from 10 nt to 25 per cent higher than in pre- years.

THE SECOND TIME in two years, Na- Lutheran Council congregations of ouston-Galveston-El Campo area held angelism mission, this time under the ion of Regional Director George wright. The Rev. David Conrad, n, served as area chairman.

itors completed 1,629 calls, interviewed persons. With 31 congregations par- ting, total evening attendance for the was 19,304.

angelism Missions are scheduled for Orleans, Lafayette, New Iberia and Charles, La., and Waco, Texas, Jan. . The Waco mission will be under ion of the Evangelical Lutheran ch.

Rev. James F. Vorkoper, regular cor- ndent of "The Lutheran" for the Texas- iana Synod, expected to resume his work n. 1. He had his activities limited for a period under doctor's orders for treat- of a cardiac condition.

ood's church councils and pastors were d to indicate by Dec. 15 approval of a ion by the synodical executive com- e to mortgage the Lutherhill Camp erty in an amount not to exceed 00. Money will be used to build a 75- swimming pool at Lutherhill. A favor- vote would empower the synod to ne-

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DECEASED

DR. CLARENCE E. KRUMBHOLZ, former executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Division of Welfare, died on Dec. 25 at age 69.

A native of Albany, N. Y., Dr. Krumbholz was a graduate of Hamilton College and Philadelphia Seminary. Susquehanna University awarded him a doctor of divinity degree in 1932.

Dr. Krumbholz began his ministry as assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church in New York City, then served the Inner Mission Society of New York. In 1916 he became pastor of Redeemer Church, Yonkers, N. Y., and accepted the call as superintendent of the New York Inner Mission Society six years later.

From 1931 to 1936, Dr. Krumbholz superintendent of the Inner Mission So in Pittsburgh. He left this post to be executive secretary of the United Luth Church's Inner Mission Board. In 193 assumed the direction of the NLC's Div of Welfare.

In this capacity, Dr. Krumbholz was retary of the administration committe Lutheran World Relief and general dir of Lutheran Resettlement Service in postwar years. He was a member of advisory committee of the U.S. Displ Persons Commission, a U.S. delegate t ternational conferences on refugee p lems, president of the U.S. committee resettlement of displaced professionals. retired from the NLC post in 1954 to come pastor of St. Luke's Church, Dune New Jersey.

Dr. Krumbholz is survived by his the former Mary Dosh, two daughters, five grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Dec. 27 at St. Luke's Church, Dunellen New Jersey Synod President Edwin Knudten, Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive

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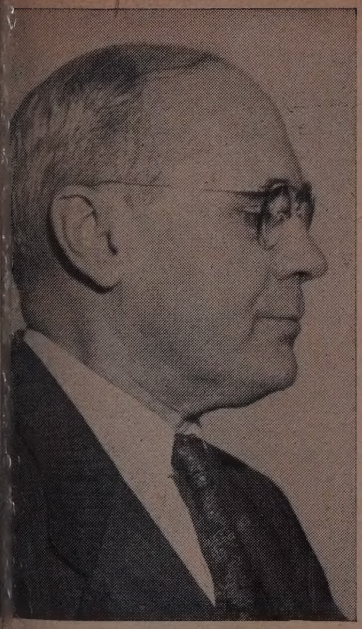

Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz

of the National Lutheran Council, Pastor Carl Futchs, executive secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Association of New Jersey. Burial was in Albany, N. Y.

LAINE BRADFIELD, missionary nurse in Liberia, died at her Zorzor mission post Dec. 9. She was 30 years old.

Miss Bradfield, a registered nurse who had completed her training at Villanova College and Biblical Seminary, New York City, was a native of Philadelphia. She had left for her assignment last June. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bradfield of Philadelphia; two brothers, Robert and Kenneth; and a sister, Mrs. Victor Ehrman, survive.

A funeral service was held Dec. 19 at St. Timothy's Church, Philadelphia, by Pastor Orvell M. Swartley and Dr. Herman L. Ehlert, secretary for Liberia of the Board of Foreign Missions. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park, Philadelphia.

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Nobody objected, so the woman rode —standing—in the section reserved for whites. To me it seemed an intolerable insult to human dignity that any person would have to ask like that for a share of the space in a public vehicle.

It's splendid to hear from Montgomery that, according to the early reports, the end of segregation on buses came smoothly. This was due mostly to the extraordinary wisdom and self-restraint which have been shown by the Negroes in the area.

NEGROES ARE NOW commonly seen in middle-class restaurants in Philadelphia, although not in the expensive places. Maybe some day restaurant managers in South Dakota will take down their signs that say: "We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone"—aimed at the Indians.

Now that Americans are becoming aware of the ugliness of segregation, it should not be too difficult to clear it out of such places as buses, trains, restaurants, theaters. Contacts among the races are brief and impersonal in such places. Segregation has been enforced only as a constant reminder to persons of colored races that they must regard themselves as inferior.

Schools are a much more complicated problem. In areas where Negroes are a large part of the population, until very recently the schools for Negroes were usually much poorer than schoo white children. The whole econom uation and culture level of the N have been far below that of the w Negro children coming for the firs into nonsegregated schools can't ke with the classes.

If, suddenly, a school has 25 per cent of its pupils conspicuously the standard of accomplishment c others, there's likely to be trouble. children suffer seriously, and Negro dren feel frustrated.

As Negroes gradually work thei up toward a higher economic statu cent housing, and better living stan these problems disappear. There has rapid progress, especially in large in the prosperous years since 1941. in such states as Mississippi progres hardly be detected. (Maybe after w the Hungarian refugees resettled, th eral government could finance rese some Mississippi Negroes.)

PROTESTANT CHURCHES are pro the places where integration will most slowly. Our church life is a timate fellowship in which social d ences are sharply felt. In suburban munities where a few cultured Ne have managed to find room, they being received into white congrega But in big-city congested neighborh where poor Negroes are at least ha the population, racial integration i churches is almost impossible as t stand now.

Our responsibility is to keep our constantly on the integration goal, work toward it patiently, quietly, with unending determination.

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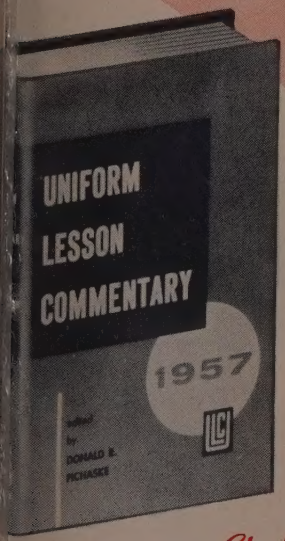

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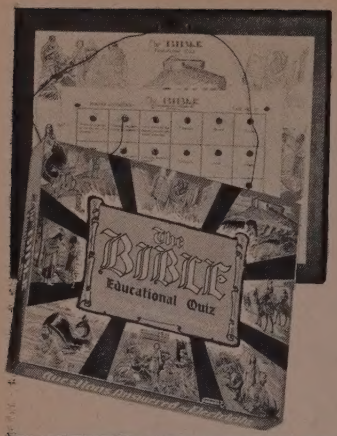

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